again would a' come:—I shall never see such a fellow.

FAL. These fellows will do well, master Shallow.—God keep you, master Silence; I will not use many words with you:—Fare you well, gentlemen both: I thank you: I must a dozen mile to-night.—Bardolph, give the soldiers coats.

SHAL. Sir John, heaven bless you, and prosper your affairs, and send us peace! As you return, visit

archers have laid in their challenge against their *fellow-knight*: if speaking of their pastime I should have spared their names? * This quotation (adds Mr. Bowie) rescues three of them from oblivion: and it is not to be presumed that *the whole table of these well known knights* most probably pretty numerous could escape the knowledge of Shakspeare.—Maister Hewgh Offly was sheriff of London in 1588."

The passage above quoted places Shallow's words in so clear a light that they leave me little to add upon the subject. We see that though he is apt enough to introduce frivolous and foreign circumstances, the mention of Sir Dagonet here is not of that nature. Mile-end Green being probably the place where Arthur's knights displayed their skill in archery, or in other words where Arthur's show was exhibited.

Whether this fellowship existed in the reign of Henry IV.* is very unnecessary to enquire. We see in almost every one of his plays how little scrupulous Shakspeare was in ascribing the customs of his own time to preceding ages.

It may perhaps be objected that the "little quiver fellow" afterwards mentioned is not described as an *archer*, but as managing a *piece*: but various exercises might have been practised at the same time at Mile-end Green. If however this objection should appear to the reader of any weight, by extending the parenthesis to the words—** Arthur's Show*' it is obviated: for Shallow might have resided at Clement's Inn and displayed his feats of archery in *Arthur's show* elsewhere, not on the day here alluded to. The meaning will then be, I remember when I

resided at Clement's Inn, and in the exhibition of archery made by Arthur's knights I used to represent Sir Dagonet, that among the soldiers exercised at Mile-end Green, there was &c. MALONE.

7 — a little QUIVER fellow.] *Quiver* is *nimble*, *active*, &c. ** There is a maner fishe that hyght mugill, which is full *quiver* and swifte." *Bartholomews,* 1535, bl. 1, HENPERS ON.